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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/525,425	Applicant(s) TUMBACK ET AL.
	Examiner BRIDGET AVERY	Art Unit 3618

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2008.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 19-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 19-28,30,31 and 33-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 29 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/23/05, 11/13/07, 6/20/08
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 19-28, 30, 31 and 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Heinz et al. WO 99 21261 A.

Heinz et al. teaches a hybrid drive system for a motor vehicle, comprising: an internal combustion engine having a drive shaft and an engine management system; and at least one speed-controlled electric machine coupled to the drive shaft of the internal combustion engine during idling; wherein, during idling, the engine management system controls the internal combustion engine in one of open and closed loop as a function of power demands of an electrical system of the motor vehicle; a system for determining the power demands of the electrical system of the motor vehicle during idling; the system for determining the power demands of the electrical system of the motor vehicle during idling includes at least one device for at least one of measuring a terminal voltage and determining a state of charge of a battery of the motor vehicle; the system for determining the power demands of the electrical system of the motor vehicle during idling includes at least one device for detecting turned-on loads associated with the electrical system and calculating a nominal power of the turned-on loads; a pre-control unit for converting the power demands of the electrical system of the motor

vehicle during idling into one of a desired torque and a setpoint torque of the internal combustion engine; at least one device for measuring a power output of the at least one speed-controlled electric machine; the system for determining the power demands of the electrical system of the motor vehicle includes a comparator device for comparing a power output of the at least one speed-controlled electric machine calculated from the power demands of the electrical system and a measured power output of the at least one speed-controlled electric machine; a slow controller for adjusting one of the desired torque and the setpoint torque of the internal combustion engine depending on an output variable of the comparator device. The method for idle speed control of a hybrid drive or a motor vehicle is also taught.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 29 and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kawakatsu shows a control apparatus for engine/electric hybrid vehicle.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIDGET AVERY whose telephone number is

(571)272-6691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Ellis, can be reached on 571-272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Unit 3618

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Examiner, Art Unit 3618